

MISS BAKER TELLS WHY SHE 'BALKED'

Explains Why She Failed to Show Up on Time for Her Wedding.

COMPLETELY TIRED OUT

Collapsed and Strenuous Session With Dressmakers, She Confides to Reporter

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ON BOARD THE CALIFORNIA LIMITED, EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, April 4.—Secure, telling time and looking out the window, Miss Baker called "the fourth and last time" to "stop your chattering and go to sleep" and you go right on, and in a whisper tell your friend the rest—why you like the best dress, what you are going to wear when you grow up—and everything.

Do you remember? Of course you do. You ever were a little girl and the secret—and Mary Landon Baker, despite all that has been said and written is just a little girl and everyone will admit she has a secret. And so we lay in her compartment on the California limited and she told them to me.

The lights were on at first and she was a pink silk, trimmed with lace, and she was combing her lovely bobbed hair.

Miss Baker, it will be remembered, left Allister McCormick, son of a Chicago millionaire "waiting at the church" which was "through the Chicago society, on the afternoon they were to be wed. She told me the reason why she failed to appear for the wedding. The wedding was to have taken place on Monday.

"Thursday night before the wedding there was a party for Allister and me at the Casino club," she said "and I just adore dancing, so we danced all night long. Then Friday night I had a dinner party and we had rehearsal at the church, as if any girl has to be shown how to walk up the aisle on her wedding day. I was awfully tired Saturday morning, but I got up because the dressmakers wanted to try on my dress. I slept all day Sunday. I was so tired and nervous. Allister came over. When he saw I was ill, he insisted on postponing the ceremony and I wouldn't think of it, but the next morning, I was so weak and exhausted from all the dressmaker fittings and the sound of parties people gave for us that I couldn't get up.

"Allister telephoned and again insisted we postpone the ceremony or have it read in my home.

Then she collapsed. "Nothing doing," I told him. "I'm going to be married in church at 4 o'clock," I said. "But at 2:30 as I went from my bedroom to the drawing room to have my wedding picture made, I collapsed—weakness, giddy, faint, flowers in hand—and the next thing I knew it was 7 o'clock on January 2 and I was not married.

I collapsed from the strain of fitting on clothes and going to parties all season and that's the only reason I didn't marry Allister on January 2."

And so when Mary Landon Baker leaned over and kissed me goodnight, I didn't ask her any more questions—which is unusual for me.

ANOTHER EFFORT MADE TO SETTLE MINERS' STRIKE

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Charles Gillinger, president Pittsburgh Vain Operators' association, Cleveland; A. A. Augustus, Cambridge, Ohio; Cleveland.

A second telegram was dispatched to H. B. McKinney, secretary Southern Ohio Coal Exchanges, Columbus, Ohio, and to R. K. Gardner, secretary Pittsburgh Coal Producers' association, as follows:

"President John L. Lewis, United Mine Workers of America, at a hearing before house labor committee, stated that his organization is willing to meet in conference with representatives of the central competitive field, even if western Pennsylvania and southern Ohio were not represented. The committee on labor decided to extend invitations for conference to be held April 10 at Washington. Should your organization desire, the committee would be glad to have you participate with a view to taking steps to settle the nation-wide coal strike."

Chicago, April 4.—Coal operators in the central competitive field refused to meet as a body with the miners to negotiate wages before the miners' strike began and there apparently is no reason to believe that they have changed their minds, said Dr. F. C. Honnold, secretary of the Illinois Coal Operators' Association, when informed that Charles Nolan of the labor committee at Washington had sent telegrams asking the operators if they were willing to meet with the miners.

The Illinois operators are willing to negotiate separate agreement with

the Illinois miners, but so far as group meetings are concerned it will have to be all or none—in other words the negotiations would have to be for all operators in the country or for none," he said. "We couldn't go in with the other central competitive field operators to negotiate any more than you would call in your union, your grandfather and your cousin to settle an affair between yourself and your wife."

WASHINGTON, April 4.—The miners' coal strike in all union districts, both anthracite and bituminous, is 100 per cent effective, John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, declared today after going over reports to him from union leaders.

"Every man ordered out has gone out and is staying out," Mr. Lewis declared.

NEWBLOCK WINS OVER HADLEY BY SMALL MAJORITY

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Interested in building a greater Tulsa, and I hope I may play some part in this, I have decided to have the highest respect for my opponent in this race—I know he is just as interested in Tulsa as I am."

John H. Hadley, defeated republican nominee for mayor in his statement issued last night, complimented Newblock on his successful race and promised his support to the mayor-elect in every constructive movement for Tulsa's benefit and upbuilding.

"As a private citizen in the ranks I will continue to do my part in the city's best interests," he said. "Mr. Newblock will always find me ready to give my assistance in every move designed to make this a better city to live in. I wish him untold success as mayor of Tulsa."

The newly elected officials will take their oath of office the first regular city commission meeting in May, which is Tuesday, May 2. In 1920 the total vote cast was 5,575, this number of ballots having been counted in the majority contest.

The vote on other nominees was slightly smaller. J. M. Addison, republican nominee for police commissioner, led the republican ticket, with 5,729 votes, which was nearly one thousand more than were cast for T. D. Kinnear, republican opponent was F. M. Rohm, democratic candidate and nominee for re-election, who polled the smallest number given any candidate.

Mr. Frank Seaman, republican candidate for city auditor, pulled through with only 15 votes to spare. Her democratic opponent, L. R. House, received 4,687 votes, while 4,701 were cast for her. Mr. Seaman was defeated from the republican nomination by about the same margin as that by which she was elected two years ago.

If F. Newblock, present democratic commissioner of finance and revenue, who was the democratic majority nominee this year, was second to Addison two years ago, with 5,557 votes, Frank E. Duncan, his opponent, received 3,813 votes. Duncan later was made city attorney, which position he has held throughout the Evans administration.

Following is the vote of 1920: Mayor—Evans, 4,891; Hubbard, 4,684; City auditor—Seaman, 4,702; House, 4,678; Commissioner No. 1—Steiner, 4,748; Curran, 4,605; Commissioner No. 2—Youngman, 5,994; McNulty, 4,711; Commissioner No. 3—Adkinson, 3,729; Bohn, 2,279; Commissioner No. 4—Duncan, 3,813; Newblock, 5,557; Treasurer of school board—Newkirk, 4,675; Carter Smith, 4,449.

The opening of election day was accompanied by a fine drizzle that increased and decreased in volume intermittently. For awhile it appeared the weather would dampen the political ardor of Tulsa's voters and cause them to remain at home or in their offices, leaving the voting to those more intrepid men and women who were willing to brave the elements that they might assist in the election of their favorites.

About the middle of the morning the rain ceased for awhile, the sun emerged from its obscured position behind the clouds and political activities were forthwith rejuvenated. Men and women workers took their positions in front of polling places and amiably, but earnestly, distributed campaign literature to every voter that showed his or herself.

No outstanding disturbance was reported in connection with the election. While workers were serious minded, there was no apparent display of temper. Those who visited the precinct polling places heard numerous political arguments over the respective merits or shortcomings of various nominees by their more ardent supporters, but in each instance under observation the participants in these arguments finally separated, each convinced that the other was wrong—as usual.

During the late afternoon it again started raining, and to this last election-day effort of an unappreciative weather man was attributed the failure of several hundred voters to exercise their right of franchise during the closing hours. Which of the candidates benefited by the rain during a rush hour period of election day is conjecture, as is the question whether the final results would have been changed.

One of the outstanding features of election day, apparent to everyone in the city, was the enormous number of automobiles utilized by both parties in transporting voters to and from the polls. Throughout the day one could hardly look up or down a street without the business or

in the residence section, without observing one to half a dozen cars on the rear of which were fastened large moving banners bearing legends meant to advise the voters the proper manner in which they should cast their ballots. The republican committee used a number of Yellow taxis because of their convenience for voters during the rainy hours.

JUDGE JEAN DAY KILLS HIS GUEST DURING STRUGGLE

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The coroner said, "The head was lying in a pool of blood. There were sliced oranges and bottles about the room. Mrs. Day was frantic and nothing could be drawn from her as to the advances Beck is alleged to have made or how long before the return of Day the lieutenant colonel had been attacking her."

Difference of Opinion.

County Attorney Hughes said to night there seemed to be a difference of opinion as to the number of persons in the party at the Day home. "Reports have reached me that there were four automobiles in front of the Day home about 1 o'clock Tuesday morning," he said. The county attorney declared he intended to ascertain to whom the cars belong and whether the owners were members of the group which Day states he took home in his automobile just before the tragedy.

In an interview tonight Day amplified his statement of today and recounted the details of the tragedy.

"Could any red-blooded American do anything else when his confidence is violated, his home invaded and his faithful wife insulted and violently attacked?" he demanded. "Clad in house coat and slippers, with a burned-out cigar between his fingers, Judge Day sat on the front porch of his home and calmly related the story."

"So help me God, I never meant to kill Beck," Judge Day declared vehemently.

"I loved Beck like a brother," Day said. "He had my complete confidence. He had the run of my home. He was at liberty to come in unannounced for dinner or as an overnight guest. He had entertained as often in Post field. No man could have trusted a brother more. He came up last night unannounced. He was sitting on the porch when I drove up at 5:30 p. m. Said he was coming to stay all night."

Judge Day said he and Beck and Mrs. Day dined at a hotel. Mrs. Day suggested attending a motion picture show but Day begged off. So Beck and Mrs. Day went to the theater alone agreeing to pick him up later at the hotel. Judge Day said, Beck and Mrs. Day returned to the hotel and met Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Pritchard, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Anderson and Maj. H. B. Padgett, of Fort Sill, said to be a relative of Gen. John J. Pershing.

They left a note saying that they had gone to Pritchard's home and asked Day to come there. Judge Day went and there the party danced.

"It was midnight or after when we left Pritchard's home," Judge Day said. "It suggested that they come over to my house and dance, and we came. It may have been after 1:30 o'clock when the Pritchards started for home. The Andersons had no car, so I offered to drive them home."

Mrs. Day was tired and did not accompany me, Beck said he would stay and entertain Mrs. Day. "I may have been gone for half an hour."

When I stopped my car on the driveway, I heard a commanding voice coming from somewhere. The blinds in front were all up. I came up the side steps and saw Beck struggling with the purple, dearest woman in the world. He was attempting to assault her and as I hurried to the door, I could hear her begging and pleading and trying to shame him.

"I do things methodically. When I saw what was going on, I decided to drive him out of the house."

"Just before I turned the knob

it occurred to me that army officers often go armed and that I had better get my gun."

Beck jumped up from the couch as quickly as a cat, as I came into the door and went toward the dining room which separated it from the living room by portiers, partly drawn. When I got my revolver and came down stairs I passed on the landing looking into the living room, but Beck was not to be seen. Then I turned around and went down a short flight of steps to the kitchen instead of going down into the living room. I thought I would find him if I made the circuit.

Thought Beck Had Gone.

"I occurred to me that Beck had left the house as I started through the kitchen. I passed in the breakfast nook and looking through into the dining room I saw the portiers pulled together."

"I walked in and Beck stepped out boldly. He looked me in the eye. I was just four feet from him."

"I said 'now you can get out of my house, you cur.'"

His right hand was clenched and he had a hold of his palm from belt. He pulled that arm back, it may have been for a blow. I thought he might be armed, I did not know.

"I jumped in and brought my gun down on his head with great force. The impact discharged the weapon. That is the truth."

Mr. Lanthier will head a committee of three army officers to be sent here to investigate the killing of Beck, according to a message received here tonight from Post field. The other officers have not been named.

The body of Lieutenant-Colonel Beck will be taken to Washington and buried in Arlington national cemetery beside the body of his father, Brig.-Gen. William H. Beck, it was announced.

Lieutenant Colonel Beck was one of the first four commissioned army officers of the United States flying corps. He had been in the flying service since 1913. He was prominently known in Washington circles, and according to reports his wife died at Washington about a year ago.

Judge Day is the president of the Fourstone Producing & Refining Co., and vice-president of the Continental Asphalt & Petroleum Co.

Lieutenant Colonel Beck has frequently visited his home here and was an intimate friend of the family. He had flown to this city yesterday in a plane from Fort Sill to attend the card party.

Had Dined With Days.

It was learned that Beck had dined with Mr. and Mrs. Day at a local hotel and had accepted an invitation to spend the night with them. After dinner, Day was called away on business in connection with his legal practice here.

After Day made bond for \$5,000 to appear at a coroner's inquest hearing to be held Saturday, County Attorney Forest L. Hughes said no murder charge would be countenanced until the result of the findings of the coroner's jury is made public.

Mrs. Day was in a hysterical condition all day today and was under the care of physicians.

She is a leading Oklahoma City and Washington society woman. While in the national capital she figured in many entertainments on many formal social functions and at several of the Dixie balls as well as the guest of honor at many congressional functions given by the wives and relatives of Oklahoma members of that body.

Day was widely known in state political circles as well as among the most prominent oil men.

He came to Oklahoma City several years ago from McAlester, where he had practiced law, and while he was supreme court justice became popular as one of the authors of the Harris-Day code, the revised statutes of Oklahoma.

When the oil boom in Louisiana came to its height, Day, with R. W. Dick and others, organized the Continental Asphalt & Petroleum Co., which obtained leases in Louisiana that proved to be a rich strike. The Continental recently sold its holdings in that state for almost a million dollars.

The Continental company, of which Day remained active as vice-president, became a part of the Semco oil company group and to

came one of Oklahoma's most prominent of independent companies during the high tide oil prices of 1912 and 1920.

The commanding officer at Fort Sill was notified of the shooting, but as yet no action had been taken in regard to the case.

Judge Day is 39 years old. His wife is several years younger. They have one daughter, who is a student at the University of Oklahoma.

Beck Survived by Son.

Lieutenant Colonel Beck was born on December 1, 1876. He is survived by one son, Paul W. Beck, Jr., 24, a first lieutenant in the army ordnance department, stationed at Watertown, Mass., and his mother, Mrs. Rachel Beck, who lived with him at Fort Sill. His wife died last summer at Atlantic City.

Day is one of the state's most prominent oil men and oil men and politician, and has a host of friends in all parts of Oklahoma. He had practiced law in a number of cities in the state and when in his twenties was a delegate to a democratic national convention.

Judge Day was born in Mississippi about fifty years ago, friends said, and came to Oklahoma in the early territorial days and taught school in Oklahoma City. He served as clerk as superintendent of schools here.

In collaboration with Judge Sem

H. Harris, Day compiled the Harris-Day code, known as the revised statutes of Oklahoma. He acted as state supreme court commissioner during the administration of Governor Criss.

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